

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/078,188

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 4/10/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 7, 9, 10, 13-19, 21 and 23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. In response to the office action mailed on 10/10/06, applicant filed a response on 4/10/07 amending claim 15 to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 5-6, 8, 11-12, 20, 22, and 24, were previously cancelled. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-10, 13-19, 21, and 23 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Based on applicant's arguments, see communication, filed 2/06/07, with respect to independent claim 15, and the Examiner's Amendment, listed below, the rejection of claim 15 has been withdrawn.

No other pertinent prior art being found. Accordingly, the current application is in condition for allowance for reasons given previously.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Kevin J. Zilka (Reg. No: 41,429) on 4/13/07.

In the Claims:

Amend the preamble of claim 15, by replacing it, to recite -A computer readable medium encoded with a computer program for transitioning among states during use of a voice browser, comprising: --

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-4, 7, 9-10, 13-14, 16-19, 21, and 23 are allowed over prior art.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Claims 1, and 15-18 recite transitioning among states using a voice browser comprising the steps of receiving a script at the voice browser from a web server utilizing a network; the script is executed utilizing the voice browser; a plurality of states is then automatically tracked during the execution of the script utilizing the voice browser; upon receiving a request from a user during the execution of the script to transition to a previous state, the voice browser automatically transitions to the previous state of the script; and wherein a number of previous states a user is capable of transitioning to is customizable.

The closest prior art is Valco et al. (U.S 6, 826, 264) in view of Ito et al. (2002/0010586), who teach system for transitioning among states using a voice browser comprising the steps of receiving a script at the voice browser from a web server utilizing a network; the script is executed utilizing the voice browser; a plurality of states is then automatically tracked during the execution of the script utilizing the voice browser; upon receiving a request from a user during the execution of the script to transition to a previous state, the voice browser automatically transitions to the previous state of the script, and Surace et al. (U.S 6, 334, 103) who teach a voice user interface that allows the user to transit from a main state to other application states.

Valco in view Ito and Surace, do not teach wherein a number of previous states a user is capable of transitioning to is customizable.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

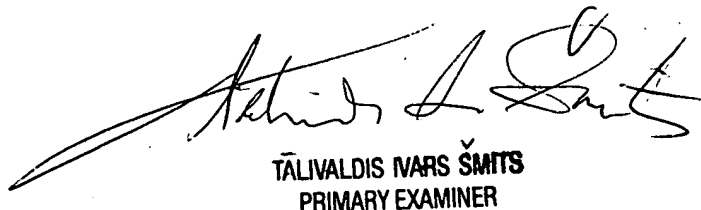
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Abdelali Serrou whose telephone number is 571-272-7638. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Talivaldis I. Smits can be reached on 571-272-7628. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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